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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Dry weather continued through January 1 and temperatures averaged generally 3° to 7° above normal. Readings near zero occurred in north-central localities on the 26th. Windy weather on the 31st caused some blowing dust in the southeast portion. A good fall of snow, with little wind, occurred in southeastern Nebraska January 2.

CROPS Much of Nebraska's 251 million bushel corn crop is being used rapidly to meet the heavy seasonal feeding demands. Car shortage in a number of places has slowed the sale of corn. One county reported the use of coal cars and another the use of livestock cars for shipping corn. Some corn is piled on the ground near elevators awaiting shipment. Reports indicate that a heavy demand has maintained the price equal to or above the loan price. In some southwestern counties corn is being trucked into Colorado.

Six to ten inches of snow would be highly beneficial to winter wheat. Many counties continue to report on the dry condition of the surface soil. Some of the late sown fields, particularly, in the dryer areas of southwestern Nebraska that didn't get much growth may suffer some injury. The recent snow was light with a few exceptions and limited largely to the southeastern quarter of the state.

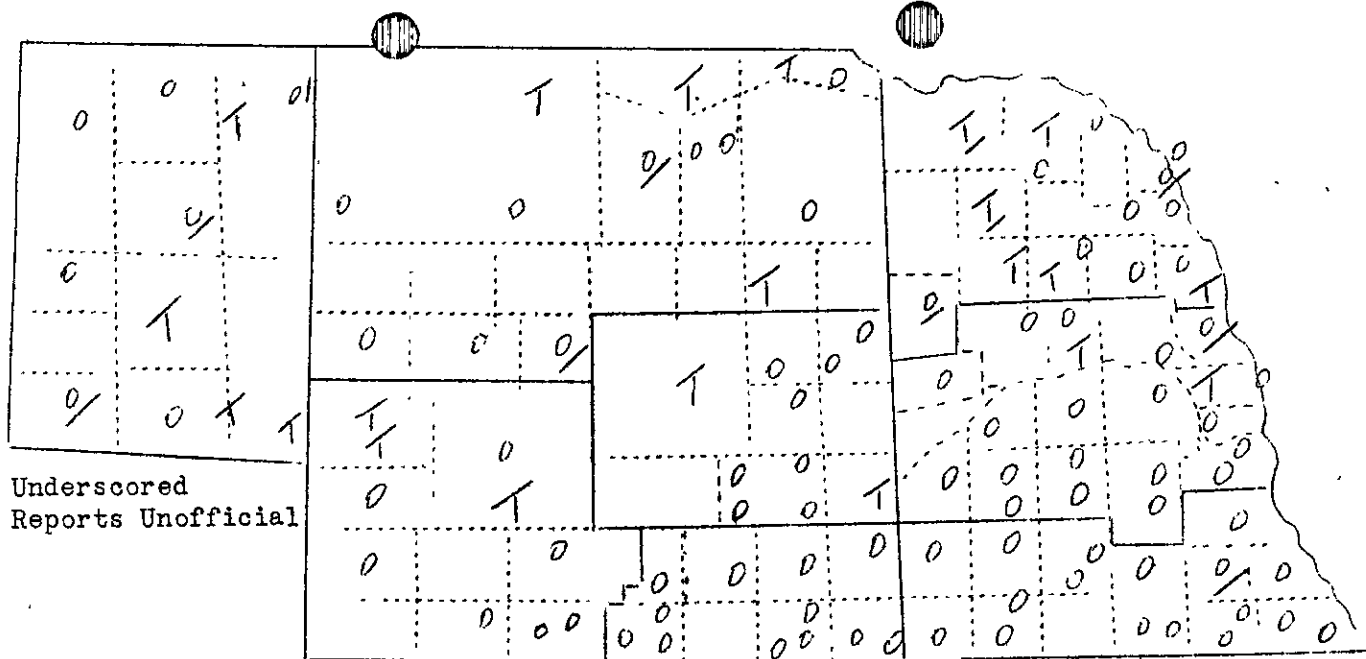
Farmers are busy with their seasonal livestock feeding operations and working on their income tax reports. A number of farmers are repairing their farm machinery in anticipation of a tighter machinery situation. There is some apprehension as to the farm labor supply next spring and summer due to the draft.

The state was blest with good crops last year as revealed by the final crop report of the year. Corn exceeded earlier expectations chalking up the highest yield of the century. The wheat crop was very good and oat production comparatively high despite some disappointing yields. Some of the minor crops like potatoes, grain sorghum and soy beans broke all records of average yield per acre. Sugar beets yielded well with a high sugar content. While the dry edible bean yield was good, the acreage was lower and much of the crop was damaged by continued rain at harvest time. While all hay production was the highest for years, the crop in the Panhandle was short and wild hay is selling as high as \$25 a ton in that area.

LIVESTOCK The increase of 31% in the fall pig crop following a 6% in last spring's pig crop and plans to increase this coming spring pig crop 6% is evidence of increasing interest in pork production. There was an increase of cattle and sheep on feed earlier in the season. The January 1 feeding report on sheep will be released January 11 and cattle on January 18. Recent reports on cattle feeding have been a little conflicting because of the apprehension of the effect on prices by possible controls. The generally open season has been highly favorable for cattle, enabling them to use the range and stock fields to the fullest extent.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 1, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Dec. 26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		Jan. 1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	60	13	27	9	48	24	44	25	35	16	52	32	46	16
	Scottsbluff	63	26	35	9	42	19	43	25	39	13	54	32	48	17
	Sidney	62	23	30	6	43	22	43	27	38	11	49	23	50	17
N-C	Burwell	59	1	17	2	--	--	46	15	43	18	46	28	42	16
	Valentine	61	1	13	8	48	18	40	21	38	17	47	35	50	15
NE	Norfolk	36	3	--	--	32	16	41	9	38	22	44	33	45	22
	Sioux City	27	4	14	-4	32	16	39	5	29	19	44	30	47	23
Cen.	Grand Island	58	5	21	5	33	15	49	20	42	22	48	34	53	22
E-C	Lincoln	42	6	16	5	29	19	49	16	32	23	46	35	53	24
	Omaha	38	8	18	2	28	15	46	10	32	23	45	30	54	25
SW	North Platte	62	13	24	11	41	16	48	20	42	19	49	28	42	19

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